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Transshipment of U.S. Products from Korea to Eastern Russia

The Agricultural Trade Office (ATO), American Embassy, Seoul, recently met with several importers in Pusan, the world's third largest container port, who are actively involved in transshipping U.S. products to Vladivostok in the Russian Far East. One Korean/Russian joint venture company transshipped 28,000 metric tons of U.S. poultry, pork and beef products last year through the Port of Pusan to Vladivostok. While the business is conducted in cash, this method of shipment is beneficial to Russian buyers, due to the short transit time between the two ports.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Japanese Imports of U.S. Broiler Parts

Import demand for U.S. broiler parts (mostly bone-in leg), is forecast at 95,000 MT in 2001; sales will depend on Japanese processor demand for deboning cuts. Japan's broiler meat imports from Asia and Brazil in 2001 are projected at 550,000 MT, down 2 percent from last year, due to high year-beginning inventories, a weakening yen, and rising demand in EU for chicken meat due to BSE. However, imports of prepared chicken products from China and Thailand will continue growing this year due to intensifying competition in the fast food, takeout and convenience food markets. In Japan's egg market, an anticipated rise in domestic egg production, coupled with a weakening yen, will likely push processed egg product imports downwards in 2001.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

Foot and Mouth Disease

Outbreaks of foot and mouth disease (FMD) have been declared in the United Kingdom since February 20, 2001. A total standstill of animals susceptible to the disease has been decided in Great Britain. The British countryside became a virtual no-go area as the British government ordered people to stay away from farms and livestock in a bid to reduce contamination. Sporting events were canceled and parks, forests and nature trails were closed.

France, Belgium and Denmark were waiting for the results of tests for FMD amid fears the virus has crossed to the mainland. Several countries have already slaughtered thousands of animals imported from the UK in the last four weeks.

Poultry wholesalers may benefit from the FMD outbreak. Poultry is exempt from the livestock ban and consumers are looking for alternatives to red meat.

FMD has not been seen in the U.S. since 1929. The disease is currently affecting four of the world's seven continents: Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. Only North America, Australia and Antarctica are free of the disease.

Compiled from various sources

U.S. Egg and Egg Products Exports

Exports of shell eggs and egg products totaled \$106.7 million in 2000, up nine percent from 1999. The value of shell eggs increased 19 percent and egg products rose five percent. The volume of shell egg exports grew 25 percent in 2000 due to heavy exports to the EU and the Middle East.

Volume of Exports

	<u>Shell Eggs</u>		<u>Egg Products</u>	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Canada	18,691,888	18,488,978	7,278	4,709
EU	165,790	5,879,940	1,093	1,944
Middle East	405,492	2,321,093	101	141
Korea	362,192	235,618	1,090	1,433
Hong Kong	14,562,756	16,230,578	856	543
Japan	2,893,796	3,543,374	14,606	14,984

Shell eggs are single eggs, egg products in metric tons.

Value of Exports in '000 Dollars

	<u>Shell Eggs</u>		<u>Egg Products</u>	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Canada	11,839	11,826	11,454	10,922
EU	150	2,645	7,532	10,953
Middle East	230	1,322	264	803
Korea	225	158	3,034	3,938
Hong Kong	10,798	10,854	3,902	770
Japan	1,793	2,411	36,019	35,335

U.S. Exports of Eggs and Egg Products

January through December

	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	1999	2000	
North America	68,241	64,732	0.95
Canada	49,702	45,380	0.91
Mexico	18,539	19,352	1.04
Caribbean	15,416	14,558	0.94
Central America	6,693	7,064	1.06
South America	5,067	5,802	1.15
European Union	16,418	24,343	1.48
Other West Europe	485	853	1.76
Eastern Europe	1,037	1,052	1.01
Middle East	787	2,420	3.07
*Asia	58,466	57,804	0.99
Hong Kong	14,792	11,651	0.79
Japan	38,120	38,498	1.01
Grand Total	174,531	181,261	1.04

Includes hatching eggs.

*Total includes other countries in Asia

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 24, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	290	155	1,112	1,013
Frozen	0	40	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	18
Total	290	195	1,134	1,071

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 24, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	148	81	969	983
Frozen	47	14	195	38
Dried	15	40	82	281
Total	210	135	1,246	1,302

Inspected Shell Eggs
U.S Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 24, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	24	0	24	13
Extra Large	410	370	1,340	2,503
Large	1,844	3,185	13,105	17,475
Medium	990	1,123	3,150	3,801
Ungraded	2,250	0	12,060	6,180
Misc	750	0	2,437	750
Total	6,268	4,678	32,116	30,722

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-Feb-01
(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,933	1,237	3,170
LAST WEEK	1,585	1,487	3,072
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,915	1,349	3,264
TO-DATE/2001	14,567	10,121	24,688
TO-DATE/2000	16,144	10,650	26,794

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	451	0	451
LAST WEEK	580	21	601
SAME WEEK YR AGO	533	0	533
TO-DATE/2001	4,186	48	4,234
TO-DATE/2000	4,571	27	4,598

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,384	1,237	3,621
LAST WEEK	2,165	1,508	3,673
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,448	1,349	3,797
TO-DATE/2001	18,753	10,169	28,922
TO-DATE/2000	20,715	10,677	31,392

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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02-MAR-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

02-MAR-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	12.50-15.00	175,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	13.03		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-25.00	10.00-12.50	1,224,000	204,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.67	11.09		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

02-MAR-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	360,000	360,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

02-MAR-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.00	15.00-17.00	892,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.84	16.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	11.00-14.00	1,977,000	616,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.67	12.71		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 2 MARCH 2001.

The market tone was firm on thigh meat, breast meat and other white meat items. Inquiries for prompt ship found fresh breast meat tight however a large volume was booked for deferred shipment with price ceilings. Supplies of bulk parts were tight and asking prices trended higher for tom drums. One load of breast pieces traded at 122 delivered. A fair volume of frozen thigh meat moved into export channels for prompt delivery and a large volume of fresh thigh meat was booked for April through September shipments. Some export buyers were out of the market at current asking prices on thighs and drums.

FRIDAY, MARCH 02, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	28.50	52	29.07	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.50	104	27.00	420
TAILS		R	25.00	52	25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	17.00	104	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-59.00		57.48	368	57.85	1,620

THURSDAY, MARCH 01, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50		28.50	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.50	104
TAILS	25.00		25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-58.00		57.35	600

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-30.00		29.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50-27.00		26.75	208
TAILS		F	22.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-59.00		58.53	652

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.00	108
TAILS		F	22.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	14.24	2,020
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	55.85	1,332

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	108
TAILS		F	22.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	14.24	2,020
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	55.85	1,332

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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